

3 December 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: First Meeting of the National Security
Council Intelligence Committee

Members Present: Dr. Kissinger, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Irwin,
Mr. Packard, Admiral Moorer, Mr. Helms

Others Present: Dr. Cline and Mr. Weiss, State; Mr. Marshall.
Dr. Hall and Mr. Buzhardt, Defense; Vice Adm.
Weinel, JCS; Mr. Parrott

1. Dr. Kissinger opened the meeting by saying that this was intended to be an organizational session, with the principal purpose of deciding how the committee will operate and what it will do. He said that this was a group of senior intelligence consumers which as he saw it should meet at fairly lengthy intervals. Its primary function would be to express satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the product and to determine what else might be needed.

2. He felt that the staff work for the NSCIC should be carried out by a subordinate committee which should be chaired by a representative of the DCI. He said that the committee would have nothing to do with budgetary aspects of the intelligence process, since these matters would be considered by other committees. He felt that some of the production of Mr. Marshall's net assessment committee would be brought to the NSCIC.

3. Dr. Kissinger then asked that each member prepare a statement of what his department's requirements for intelligence are. The group should then meet again in perhaps ten days to two weeks to look at these lists and to work out a charter and a "work program" or plan of action for the on-going deliberations of the committee. He thought that after that the committee would not have to meet for perhaps two months.

4. Mr. Helms agreed that it was not necessary to meet very frequently but he stressed the importance of this committee, since this is the first time that the intelligence community has ever had any formal means of receiving the views of its principal consumers on the product. He thought that it was important not only to assess what is needed and how good it is but also what is not needed. Dr. Kissinger and others agreed with this point but Mr. Packard cautioned that it would not necessarily be easy to agree on what is dispensable.

5. The DCI brought up the question of tactical intelligence, saying that Senator Ellender and others had been after him to remove tactical intelligence from consideration in the national intelligence budget. They felt that this should be put back into the Services so as to reduce the total national intelligence bill. Mr. Packard agreed with this and said that this subject should certainly be on the agenda for the next session. Admiral Moorer cautioned that tactical intelligence cannot be centrally controlled in Washington and he and Mr. Packard agreed that a good deal of what might be considered tactical intelligence should in fact be looked at as operational activity, [redacted] In this connection:25X1 Dr. Kissinger said he saw no reason why tactical intelligence could not be broken out of the national budget. He added that he would appreciate having a recommendation for a system of examining such tactical intelligence as the monthly reconnaissance schedules. Admiral Moorer said he had commissioned a study of the various peripheral reconnaissance activities and agreed that after the study is completed, it would be brought to the NSCIC for policy guidance.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Deputy Secretary of State
The Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Under Secretary of Treasury
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Action Program for the NSCIC Working Group

At its last meeting, the National Security Council Intelligence Committee assigned various actions to the Working Group. The tasks detailed in the attached action program should be completed by the Working Group for consideration at an early meeting of the NSCIC.

In keeping with the mission of the NSCIC, the Working Group is being reconstituted as a group of "intelligence users" with representation limited to one member for each NSCIC member. The DCI's representative will be the only "intelligence producer" on the Working Group and will provide any contributions needed from the Intelligence Community. Major General Samuel V. Wilson will serve as the DCI's representative and chairman of the Working Group.

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It is requested that the name of your Working Group member be provided to the NSCIC Executive Secretary, Richard Ober (Code 103, extension 5725).

15/ *Brud Scott*
Henry A. Kissinger *for*

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ACTION PROGRAM FOR NSCIC WORKING GROUP

Agenda item 1: Perspectives for Intelligence, 1975 - 1980

Each Working Group member is requested to provide General Wilson within 10 days his comments as to any policy issues identified in the paper which should be called to NSCIC attention. General Wilson will consolidate these comments and submit them to the Working Group members for concurrence and/or consideration at a Working Group meeting as appropriate.

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Agenda item 2: Key Intelligence Questions for FY 1975

Working Group members are requested to provide to General Wilson, within ten days, any comments or suggestions on the Key Intelligence Questions.

The Intelligence Community Staff will prepare a report concerning warning intelligence and the handling of information in pre-crisis and crisis situations. This report will be considered by the Working Group prior to submission to the NSCIC.

Agenda item 3a: Intelligence Resources Overview

The Intelligence Community Staff will prepare a report for consideration by the Working Group on the "people problem" which has arisen as a result of major reduction in personnel strength of the Intelligence Community over the past several years, with particular attention to the impact this has had on the availability of skilled analysts. Proposed actions which could improve the outlook for development and improvement of the analytic force in key areas will be included. The Working Group is to prepare recommendations for submission to the NSCIC concerning the above report and any other resource matters considered appropriate.

Agenda item 3b: Pending Legislation

The Working Group will undertake follow-up on the legislation proposed by the DCI to amend the National Security Act of 1947 in order to enhance the protection of intelligence sources and methods. The Working Group will prepare recommendations for the NSCIC as a priority matter.

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Agenda item 3c: Proposed "Omnibus" NSCID

With NSCIC approval of the concept of an Omnibus NSCID to replace all of the existing NSCIDs and codify existing relationships in the Intelligence Community, a special Task Group is being formed to develop a USIB-coordinated version of the Omnibus NSCID. The coordinated NSCID will be submitted to the Working Group for development of a recommendation to the NSCIC. Completion of the project is expected in October.

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Agenda item 3e: National/Tactical Intelligence Interface

This item was not considered at the NSCIC meeting. A progress report on the Secretary of Defense/DCI project now underway on this problem will be reviewed by the Working Group for submission to the NSCIC at its next meeting.

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Added item: "The fact of" Satellite Reconnaissance

The Working Group will review the DCI's letter of August 22, 1974, on this subject and make a report to the NSCIC.

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